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For : RUNNING TREAD FOR TIRE AND TIRE
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- (4) a copy of the properly executed Declaration by the inventor, that was previously filed on October 25, 2001.

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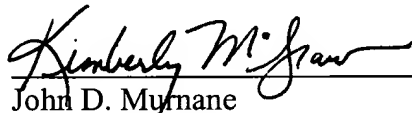
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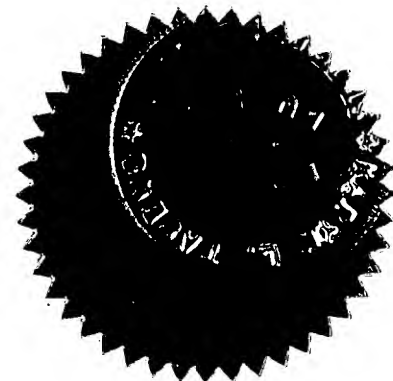
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(57) Abstract

The present invention concerns a tire tread and a tire containing same.

A tread (1) according to the invention is laterally defined by two sidewalls (4 and 5) joining radially inner and outer faces (2 and 3), said tread (1) having a base of an electrically insulating material, and it is so designed that it contains on its circumference at least one conductive layer (10) appreciably joining the said sidewalls (4 and 5), said layer (10) having a resistivity less than that of said insulating material, which is radially provided on both sides (11 and 12) of said layer (10) in said tread (1). The invention applies, notably, to the quality of radio wave reception from a radio set installed on a vehicle equipped with such tires, particularly a passenger vehicle.

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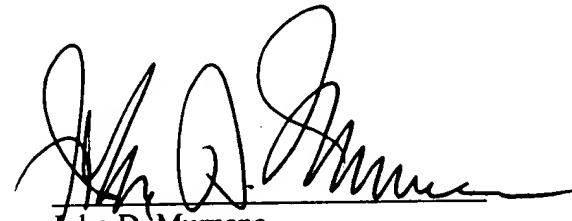
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